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SUBJECT: SUDANESE OFFER TO HOST FOURTH WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
MINISTERIAL

REF: ROME 9472 AND 9598 (NOTALS)

1) AT MAY PREPARATORY MEETING IN ROME FOR THIRD SESSION OF
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THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (JUNE 20-24 IN MANILA), SUDAN INVITED THE WFC TO HOLD ITS FOURTH MINISTERIAL MEETING (JUNE 1978) IN KHARTOUM. AT FAO COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK IN ROME, SUDANESE AGRICULTURE MINISTER INDICATED TO USDEL THAT SUDAN IS AWARE OF SPECIFIC USG CONCERNS (IE. THAT ISRAEL MUST BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND MEETING IF HELD IN KHARTOUM) BUT IMPLIED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY STILL HAS MATTER

UNDER CONSIDERATION AND MAY PROCEED ON BASIS OF HOPE THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT WISH TO ATTEND MEETING. WFC SECRETARIAT HAS NOTED UNIVERSALITY OBLIGATIONS TO SUDANESE BUT IS HOPING ORIGINAL SUDANESE OFFER WILL GO AWAY OF ITS OWN ACCORD.

2) WHILE THIS CASE RAISES QUESTION OF WHETHER ISRAELI DELEGATION WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND (ISRAEL IS AN OBSERVER TO COUNCIL THIS YEAR), WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT BROAD PRINCIPLE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE UN MEMBER STATES AND OBSERVERS MUST BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND SUCH MEETINGS. (FYI. WERE

SUDAN TO HOST CONFERENCE AND ALLOW ISRAEL TO ATTEND, THIS WOULD BE A FIRST FOR AN ARAB COUNTRY. THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNGA FOLLOWING THE 1974 WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE UNGA. IT MEETS ANNUALLY AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND NUTRITION, AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES WITHIN THE UN END FYI).

3) WHILE WE LEAVE THE MANNER OF DELIVERY TO THE EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, YOU SHOULD, AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, CONTACT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--WE WELCOME THE MAJOR INTEREST SUDAN IS TAKING IN THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROLE IN RECOMMENDING WAYS TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVE NUTRITION.

--AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING IN MAY, THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN INVITED THE COUNCIL TO HOLD ITS JUNE 1978 MEETING IN KHARTOUM.

--WE FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO ALERT YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THE VERY SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH HOSTING SUCH A HIGH LEVEL MEETING ENTAILS. YOU MAY ALREADY BE AWARE THAT WHEN AN UN ORGANIZATION IS INVITED TO HOLD A MEETING AWAY FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS THE HOST GOVERNMENT GENERALLY PAYS THE ADDITIONAL COSTS OF HOLDING THE MEETING AWAY FROM THE HEADQUARTERS.

--HOSTING SUCH A MEETING ALSO NECESSARILY ENTAILS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF ATTENDANCE FOR ALL UN MEMBERS AND APPROVED OBSERVERS. IN SIGNING THE USUAL FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, THE HOST COUNTRY

COMMITTS ITSELF TO ALLOW ENTRY OF ALL UN MEMBER STATES' DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING OBSERVER DELEGATIONS, E.G. THAT OF ISRAEL.

--WE FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SUDAN BE FULLY AWARE OF THIS PRINCIPLE LEST IT BE PLACED IN A POSITION WHICH IT MIGHT FIND POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING AND LEST EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES BE PERMITTED TO INTERFERE WITH THE VERY IMPORTANT WORK THE COUNCIL IS UNDERTAKING.

--IF THE US IS TO SUPPORT A POSSIBLE SUDANESE INVITATION, WE NEED TO BE FULLY ASSURED THAT SUDAN WILL ACCEPT ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF HOSTSHIP.

4) FOR USDEL WFC: IN THE ABSENCE OF ABSOLUTE ASSURANCES FROM SUDAN INDICATING ITS WILLINGNESS TO ADHERE TO ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF HOSTSHIP, WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCEPT KHARTOUM AS THE SITE FOR THE 1978 MINISTERIAL. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH ASSURANCES, THEREFORE, DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK EITHER TO HAVE ACTUAL DECISION ON SITE LEFT TO SECRETARIAT AND BUREAU (WITH CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY HOST MUST COMMIT ITSELF FULLY TO OBLIGATIONS OF HOSTSHIP), OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 3 DELEGATION SHOULD INDICATE THAT RULES OF PROCEDURE CALL FOR MEETINGS GENERALLY TO BE HELD AT HEADQUARTERS AND THAT WOULD BE US PREFERENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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